

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces and supersedes all prior listings in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A cosmetic composition comprising a ~~hydrocarbon~~ mixture of poly- α -olefins produced by dehydrating polymerization at a temperature in the range of from 60 °C to 340 °C, in the presence of acidic alumino layer silicates, of at least one primary alcohol selected from the group consisting of

- a) unsaturated monofunctional alcohols;
- b) branched monofunctional alcohols; and
- c) difunctional alcohols.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein[[,]] the primary alcohol contains 6 to 72 carbon atoms.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein[[,]] the group b) alcohol comprises at least one alcohol selected from the group consisting of branched alcohols having

- b1) at least one methyl branch in the alkyl chain,
- b2) a C₂₋₁₈ branch in the alkyl chain and
- b3) a C₂₋₁₈ branch in the α -position to the terminal CH₂OH group.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein said group b) alcohol comprises a Guerbet alcohol.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein[[,]] the group a) alcohol comprises a linear alcohol.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein said at least one primary alcohol comprises a member selected from group b) or c) and said ~~hydrocarbon~~ mixture of poly- α -olefins is hydrogenated after the dehydrating polymerization.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein[[,]] the composition is a member selected from the group consisting of a w/o or o/w emulsion.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 12, comprising 1 to 50% by weight of oil components.

Claim 20 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein said ~~hydrocarbon~~ mixture of poly- α -olefins comprises from 0.1% to 100% by weight ~~based on~~ of the total ~~quantity of~~ oil components of the composition.

Claim 21 (Previously presented): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 12, further comprising 0.1% to 20% by weight of a surface-active substance or a mixture of surface-active substances.

Claim 22 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein[[,]] the group b) alcohol comprises at least one alcohol selected from the group consisting of branched alcohols having

- b1) at least one methyl branch in the alkyl chain,
- b2) a C₂₋₁₈ branch in the alkyl chain and
- b3) a C₂₋₁₈ branch in the α -position to the terminal CH₂OH group.

Claim 23 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein[[.]] b1) has from 1 to 6 methyl branches in the alkyl chain.

Claim 24 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein[[.]] the group a) alcohol comprises a linear alcohol.

Claim 25 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein said at least one primary alcohol comprises a member selected from group b) or c) and said ~~hydrocarbon~~ mixture of poly- α -olefins is hydrogenated after the dehydrating polymerization.

Claim 26 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein said at least one primary alcohol comprises a member selected from group b) or c) and said ~~hydrocarbon~~ mixture of poly- α -olefins is hydrogenated after the dehydrating polymerization.

Claim 27 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein said at least one primary alcohol comprises a member selected from group b) or c) and said ~~hydrocarbon~~ mixture of poly- α -olefins is hydrogenated after the dehydrating polymerization.

Claim 28 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein[[.]] the composition is a member selected from the group consisting of a w/o or o/w emulsion.

Claim 29 (Previously presented): The cosmetic composition of claim 12 containing from 5% to 40% by weight of oil components.

Claim 30-32 (Cancelled):

Claim 33 (Currently amended): The cosmetic composition of claim 12 wherein said ~~hydrocarbon~~ mixture of poly- α -olefins has a high spreading value of $>1000 \text{ mm}^2/10 \text{ min.}$

Claim 34 (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 12 wherein said at least one primary alcohol is selected from the group consisting of 2-ethylhexanol and isononanol.